

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 89-45-C - ORDER NO. 1999-759

OCTOBER 26, 1999

IN RE:	Application of Chester Long Distance, Inc.)	ORDER ✓ <i>DL</i>
	for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	AMENDING
	Necessity to Operate as a Long Distance)	AUTHORITY
	Carrier within the State of South Carolina.)	

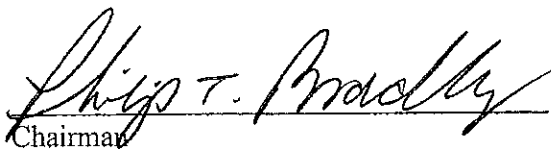
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Chester Long Distance, Inc. (Chester or the Company) for elimination of any restrictions with respect to intraLATA authority.

Chester originally received its authority in Order No. 89-923. That Order specifically gave the Company authority to complete interLATA calls, but prohibited completion of intraLATA calls. Chester now notes that this Commission has issued Order No. 93-462, which expressly stated that "intraLATA competition will be opened to all IXC's certificated in South Carolina, including resellers." Chester also notes that Congress has expressed a policy in favor of equal access and has indicated that it does not serve the public interest to place restrictions on the carriage of intraLATA traffic by long distance companies. Chester therefore asks that we lift any restrictions with respect to intraLATA authority with regard to it, and that we amend its Certificate to allow full intraLATA and interLATA authority, to the extent the Company does not already have it.

We agree with Chester, and hereby grant it the relief it seeks as described above,
for the reasons stated above.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)